

billion pounds in 1999. Milk produced per cow also increased averaging 15,842 pounds in 2000. However, the value of milk produced decreased to \$281.3 million compared to \$294.1 million in 1999.

SHEEP and LAMB inventory in Virginia totaled 61,000 head on January 1, 2001, unchanged compared to last year. There were 1,300 farms with sheep, comprising 2 percent of the national total. Ewes one year old and older totaled 37,000 head, down 5 percent from a year earlier. There were 6,500 replacement lambs on the first of the year, unchanged from last year. The 2000 lamb crop fell 2 percent to 49,000 head. Sheep and lambs on feed for market slaughter increased by 2,000 head to 15,000, up 2 percent. Virginia ranks 25th in the nation for total number

of sheep.

There were 425,000 HOGS and PIGS on Virginia farms as of December 1, 2000, 15 percent more than a year earlier. Breeding hog inventory totaled 35,000 head and market hogs totaled 390,000 head. Market hog inventory was up 16 percent compared to December 1, 1999. The 2000 pig crop totaled 605,000, down nearly 2 percent. Sows farrowed at 65,000 head was also down nearly 4 percent compared to December 1, 1999. The average pigs per litter continued to increase in Virginia to 9.3. This is up nearly one pig per litter since 1995. There were 1,200 farms raising hogs, unchanged from a year earlier.

LIVESTOCK RECORD HIGH'S AND LOW'S

	Record High Head Year -thousands-	Record Low Head Year -thousands-	Year Series Began
CATTLE			
All Cattle & Calves, Jan. 1	1,860 1987	590 1868	1867
Beef Cows Jan. 1	740 1997	33 1927	1920
Milk Cows Jan. 1	479 1954	119 2001	1867
Calf Crop	835 1986	289 1927	1924
MILK			
Milk Production (Annual) ^{2/}	2,151 1986	1,234 1930	1924
HOGS			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec. 1	970 1943	360 1996	1867
Pig Crop	1,527 1943	605 2000	1924
SHEEP			
All Sheep & Lambs, Jan.1	510 1868	57 1999	1867
Lamb Crop	500 1932	49 2001	1924
Wool Production (Annual) ^{2/}	2,225 1931	252 1999	1909
POULTRY			
Broilers Produced	263,300 1998	2,000 1934	1934
Turkey Raised	26,000 1998	515 1931	1929
Hens & Pullets of Laying Age, Dec. 1	10,939 1944	3,206 1974	1924
Egg Production ^{3/}	1,207,000 1963	755,000 1934	1924

^{1/} These are the latest years that records were achieved. In some cases, these records were equaled in earlier years.

^{2/} Production in pounds.

^{3/} Production in number of eggs.